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In re Application of :  
B. Smolyarov et al : PETITION DECISION  
Serial No.: 09/717,559 :  
Filed: November 21, 2000 :  
For: Safety Mechanisms to Prevent :  
Accidental Patient Injection and Methods: :  
Of Same :

This is in response to applicants' petition filed March 24, 2003, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d), as an invention for countering terrorism.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02 XI. Therefore the petition is GRANTED.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact John E. Kittle by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700/2900, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0873 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-3139.

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